

# A Day in the Navy

## November 12, 2009

(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On Nov. 12, 328,798 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 109,158 ready reserve Sailors, with 6,378 reserves mobilized, and 194,562 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 285 active ships are in service. 164 (58%) including four carriers and six large-deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 10,759 Individual Augmentees, 5,356 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- [Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations](#), travels to [Egypt](#) and [Greece](#) as part of official counterpart visits to strengthen maritime partnerships.
- USS New York (LPD 21) departs Manhattan's Pier 88 South after a 10 day port visit in New York City for its commissioning. New York honors the victims who lost their lives when United Airlines Flight 175 and American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City.
- [The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group](#) is underway in the Atlantic Ocean conducting a Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) in preparation for its deployment early next year. During COMPTUEX, embarked Carrier Air Wing 7 works with the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) to train to fly a variety of missions at sea in virtually any weather.
- Multipurpose amphibious assault ship [USS Wasp \(LHD 1\)](#) is supporting the first-ever Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force off the Southern Coast of Hispaniola. Wasp is underway supporting Joint Interagency Task Force South.
- Reservists from Patrol Squadron (VP) 62's Crew 8 disrupt a narcotics shipment between two suspected trafficking vessels in the Eastern Pacific. VP 62 is assigned to U.S. Southern Command conducting counter narcotics operations in support of Joint Interagency Task Force South.
- USS Higgins (DDG 76) gets underway in the East Mediterranean after completion of exercise Juniper Cobra '09 and a port visit to Haifa, Israel.
- USS San Juan (SSN 751) completes events in Simon's Town, South Africa after having spent three days at sea conducting the first ever at-sea joint submarine exercises with the South African navy and submarine force.

- [Carrier Air Wing 11](#), aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68), flies 28 missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, totaling over 170 hours of flight time. The majority of these missions are in direct support of coalition forces operating on the ground in Afghanistan.
- USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) prepares for a Strait of Hormuz transit. Upon arrival, this Amphibious Readiness Group will begin conducting Maritime Security Operations and act as the theater reserve in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations.
- Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 12, Company 2, receive more than 2,000 pounds of explosive remnants of war confiscated from insurgents and turned over by their Iraqi partners with the Salah ad Din province, Iraqi Police Counter Explosive Team. Through these co-operative partnerships with Iraqi bomb disposal forces, the U.S. continues to support a sovereign, stable and self-reliant Iraq.
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 11, currently deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, is serving as the Joint Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) battalion for Regional Command-South. Their 29 EOD teams are deployed throughout Southern Afghanistan.
- Marines assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) train for operations in 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet, where they will provide the commander with a forward-deployed, rapid-response force capable of conducting conventional amphibious and selected maritime operations from the sea, on the surface or by air.
- Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 is aboard the new flagship [USS Chosin \(CG 65\)](#). After transferring the staff from USS Anzio (CG 68) while in port Djibouti earlier this month, CTF-151 quickly resumed their station and is currently leading the Coalition efforts against [piracy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations](#).
- Approximately 8,500 U.S. Naval personnel from the U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet participate in [Annual Exercise 2009](#), a bilateral exercise with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the U.S. Navy.
- USS Stethem (DDG 63) and USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) depart Hong Kong following a five day port visit. While in Hong Kong, crewmembers participated in a community service project that included painting a local nursery school.
- USS Columbia (SSN 771) is in Yokosuka, Japan conducting a port visit, the first of the submarine's current deployment.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team 110 is deployed with Army Civil Affairs teams from the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion in support of Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines and Task Force Mindanao, conducting partner nation building activities, including coordinating medical civic action programs.

- Naval Supply System Command's U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Yokosuka, Japan, joined security preparations in support of a visit by the President of the United States to the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility.
- Naval Supply Systems Command's U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Yokosuka, postal personnel deliver and process 45,489 pounds of mail for 78 ships and embarked mobile units operating in the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean areas.
- Personnel from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 1, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 and Naval Sea Systems Command embarked on USNS Sioux (T-ATF 171) conduct deep salvage removal operations utilizing the Deep Drone remotely operated vehicle to recover flight data recorders and document the crash site of a U.S. Coast Guard C-130 and a U.S. Marine Corps AH-1 collision.
- Commander, Carrier Strike Group 3 participates in a group sustainment exercise off the coast of southern California with Canadian ships HMCS Algonquin (DDG 283), HMCS Calgary (FFH 335) and HMCS Protecteur (AOR 509) to maintain battle proficiencies and promote combined interoperability.
- [USS Sterett \(DDG 104\)](#) departs Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Calif., after conducting ordnance operations in preparation for the ship's first overseas deployment.
- Sailors from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1, embarked on the [USNS Navajo \(T-ATF 169\)](#) participates in Indian SALVEX 2009, a bilateral diving exercise off the coast of Hawaii, with the Indian navy divers. U.S. Navy divers train the Indian navy divers in KM-37 surface-supplied diving, mixed gas deep diving, underwater cutting and welding.
- SEAL Team 17 personnel conduct over 200 fast rope and rappelling evolutions with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 85 in San Diego, Calif., with 35 reserve personnel. SEAL Team 17 is one of only two reserve SEAL Teams and is a ready, responsive and relevant application of Naval Special Warfare's reserve force.
- 683 students at the Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, Calif., are in Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training and Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman (SWCC) training.
- Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., welcomes the National Moot Court Competition hosted by the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. Twenty-three teams of students from the nation's most prestigious and diverse law schools are participating.
- Navy marine mammal scientists, partnering with other federal agency scientists and academic institutions, follow the movements of five pilot whales fitted with satellite tags in the vicinity of the Navy's Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center in the Bahamas.